GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

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MASHELKAR COMMITTEE
Pallani Shamy Shri K.C .

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to set up creches in all major institutions of higher learning and research to mitigate the problems of women;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Committee headed by Shri R.A. Mashelkar has submitted its Report in this regard;

(d) if so, the main recommendations of the Committee thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to implement its recommendations?

Answer

MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES (KAPIL SIBAL)

(a)&(b) : The Government has schemes to provide creches or day care centres for children between the age of 90 days and10 years under the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions and Rajiv Gandhi National Creche Scheme for Children of Working Mothers under the Ministry of Women & Child Development. The Government has also set up a Task Force for Women in Science which is considering the feasibility of providing crÃ¨che and day-care facilities in institutions where women scientists are employed.

(c) No Committee headed by Shri R.A. Mashelkar was constituted by the Government to set up creches in all major institutions of higher learning and research to mitigate the problems of women.

(d)&(e) : Do not arise